



South County Traffic Relief Effort Update and Next Steps

The Transportation Corridor Agencies and the California Department of Transportation are in the process of concluding a study of toll road expansion options in south Orange County through the South County Traffic Relief Effort. Based on technical work, public input, and policy direction, three alternatives are proposed to move forward in the project development process. These include a non-tolled extension of Los Patrones Parkway from Cow Camp Road to Avenida La Pata, widening of Ortega Highway between Calle Entradero to Reata Road, and extension of the Interstate 5 carpool lane from Avenida Pico to the San Diego County line area. Other future projects will be considered as part of the Orange County Transportation Authority's comprehensive South Orange County Multimodal Transportation Study. A status report and recommended next steps are presented for review and approval.

- A. Direct staff to work with the Transportation Corridor Agencies, County of Orange, and City of San Clemente in the preparation of a project development plan for a non-tolled extension to Los Patrones Parkway.
- B. Direct staff to work with the California Department of Transportation and the City of San Juan Capistrano to advance funding for the final design for the widening of Ortega Highway.
- C. Direct staff to work with the California Department of Transportation and the San Diego Association of Governments to advance funding for the environmental process for Interstate 5 high-occupancy vehicle lane improvements.
- D. Direct staff to return in summer 2020 with a status report on the South Orange County Multimodal Transportation Study.